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**Happy
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SLATE and STONE

January 2018

Called to Worship ††† Empowered to Serve
A Mission Church
Bringing Members In, Sending Disciples Out

Dear Rumple Family,

Happy New Year! And, what a new year it has been, at least weather wise. Many of you have been telling me, "Our winters are not typically this cold." Since this is our first winter here, I have nothing to go on. But this sure is reminding me of growing up in the Adirondack mountains of New York. The kids and I have enjoyed skiing and sledding which they love!

We enter this new year on the heels of a wonderful Advent and Christmas season here at Rumple. We were blessed with an absolutely marvelous Cantata by our choir and guest musicians, two beautiful Christmas Eve services, confirmation, and a baptism. I felt so blessed to be here at Rumple during such a special time of the year.

As the new year begins, ministry and mission continue at Rumple. I hope you'll read the article about Blowing Rock CARES in this Slate and Stone. This ministry continues in 2018 with a new board and renewed energy. I hope more and more Rumple folks will consider volunteering and supporting this valuable ministry. In an email I received from Todd Carter of the Hospitality House (and their WeCAN ministry that provides emergency financial assistance) right before the end of the year, he quoted a staggering statistic about Watauga County. The poverty rate here is the highest in the state, at over 32%. The ministry of Blowing Rock CARES, feeding hungry neighbors in Watauga County is as important now as it ever has been!

Also on the horizon for us at Rumple is a lot of looking to the future, as well. We are glad to have Kalie Gorham on board as our Christian Education Intern through May. But, this is a temporary position. Other staff have stepped up to help in different ways as well. The Session and its committees will be looking at how to fill the vacant DCE staff position and at Rumple's mission, as we listen for who God is calling this church to be. This is an exciting time. I hope that many of you will participate in this process of dreaming and discerning too. Stay tuned.

I look forward to this new year together with all of you.

Blessings.

Your Pastor,

Kathy

Rumple Youth

Under the leadership of our Youth Intern, Cassidy Nooner and the Youth Committee, our Middle and High School youth are active participants in the life of Rumple Church. We welcome members and friends to any and all of our meetings, retreats and conferences. Contact Cassidy Nooner at cassidyn15@gmail.com to stay connected!

What's happening in January? Happy New Year

- **Evening Youth will begin again on January 21st, 5-6:30!!!** We are in need of somebody to provide us dinner for that evening! If you are willing to do this please email Cassidy.
- **Souper Bowl Sunday will be February 4th.** The youth will be collecting cans of soup for Blowing Rock Cares. Please bring your cans to church that morning.
- **CROSS Missions** trip will be February 9th - 11th.
- **WinterJAM** (Christian Music Concert) will be on Saturday, February 24 at the Greensboro Coliseum. It will be \$15 a ticket. We will grab lunch on the way down to the concert. We need someone to drive the youth van; if you are available to drive and join us, please email Cassidy at cassidyn15@gmail.com

Save these dates:

CROSS Urban Plunge Mission Trip – Date: February 9-11, 2018
Cost: \$100 per person (deposit of \$25 already due)

Montreat – Date: July 22-28

Cost: \$265 per person (if we pay by January 20th) OR \$275 per person (if we pay by February 20th) Please let Cassidy know if your youth is going ASAP. We need a house mom/house dad for this trip.



Welcome our Newest Members

On Sunday, December 3, Rumple received two new members by Profession of Faith: Ryan Beach-Verhey and August Carter. Ryan and August were a part of a unique confirmation class this past fall for high school students. They each participated in a series of classes and then did independent work with their mentors, Davis Hankins and Danny Kirkland.

Ryan is a freshman at Watagua High School. He enjoys playing baseball and basketball. He enjoys youth at Rumple. He is the son of our pastor, Kathy and the older brother to Caroline and Janie. August is a junior at Watagua High School. He enjoys playing flute, piccolo, and violin. He is in the marching band and orchestra at the high school. He is the son of Laura and older brother of Elizabeth. August is also the grandson of Charles and Janice Carter.

Stay connected with Rumple! Like us on Facebook, visit our website www.rumplechurch.org, Follow the youth on Instagram, #rumpleyouth, and add your email to our weekly e-newsletter

Welcome Kalie Gorham



On January 1, 2018, Rumple welcomed Kalie Gorham as our Christian Education Intern. Kalie will serve with Rumple for 10 hours a week, primarily in the area of children's ministry. Kalie is a junior at Appalachian State and was raised in the First Presbyterian Church of High Point. We are excited to have Kalie coming on board for the winter and spring. She will be at Rumple on Sunday morning, January 7, ready to get to know the Rumple church family. Kalie says, "I'm excited to find a unique sense of community. Kalie will be at Rumple on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons each week. You can reach Kalie at gorhamkg@appstate.edu.

Why I Love Hymns

Has a hymn ever gotten stuck in your consciousness? Maybe the tune of a familiar hymn text pops in your head and is reluctant to leave. Perhaps a phrase from a childhood hymn shows up at an unexpected time with new meaning given your recent circumstances and begs for a simpler time. Or, by chance you stumble on a phrase in a hymn that concisely sums up a theological issue that you've been wrestling with for some time. Hymn writers, both text and tune writers, have spent countless hours searching for words and melodies that stir these expressions during our weekly worship. But in singing, the words and tunes go by so quickly. How can we possibly catch the obvious meaning of the text much less the theological depth of the ideas and ideals of the hymn writers?

Beginning in February's *Slate and Stone*, I will choose one hymn per month and share some personal reflections and memories. I hope that by sharing my reflections it will cause you to reflect on your faith story. By pointing out phrases of a hymn that stir my imagination, I hope you will develop a habit of being on the lookout for phrases that speak to you. Hymns are a treasure trove of worship moments that we share in corporate worship. As a community we sing to God in our moments of praise and lament, of celebration and concern. As we sing the old favorites and the new expressions, hymns should engage our minds *and* voices. I also invite you to share your stories of how hymns have impacted your faith. As our current hymnal along with many other hymnals begin with *Holy, Holy, Holy*, and rightly so, I will take a look at this beloved hymn in the February *Slate and Stone*. See you then!

Dave



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Church Office Hours
Monday – Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
828-295-7675
www.rumplechurch.org

Sunday Services
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship

CHURCH LEADERS & STAFF

Clerk of Session: Mary Lentz

Class of 2018
Barbara Julien
Danny Kirkland
Mary Lentz
Mike Rhyne

Class of 2019
Davis Hankins
Misty Mayfield
Kim Rogers
Cullie Tarleton

Class of 2020
Jim Crowell
Jerry Hutchens
Jane Rogers
Lynne Waugh

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Claire Denness, Nursery Attendant
Kelly Ginsberg, Nursery Attendant

Annual Unity Community Service in Zionville-Mabel UMC

You are invited to attend the Unity Community Service this Monday, January 15 at 7:00 pm at Mabel United Methodist Church. Desserts and finger food to follow. This is a service of peace. The Junaluska Choir from the Boone Mennonite Brethren Church will be singing.

Does Rumple have your email? Would you like to receive the weekly email updates from Rumple and other special announcements? Send your email address to Hazel at office@rumplechurch.org and we'll make sure you are added to our email list

Can you help and check that the church doors are closed when you exit the building? Rumple has many doors and there are lots of people in and out of the building each day. This is a wonderful thing! But, the staff often finds doors that have not been pulled closed- particularly the sanctuary doors closest to Main Street. Thanks!

THANK YOU to all the members of the Rumple family who shared treats, goodies, fruit and kindness with The Rumple staff during the Advent and Christmas season. We surely did feel loved and appreciated. We look forward to another year in ministry together.
The Rumple Staff

Thank You

Office hours for Kathy are:

Monday—Wednesday
9-5

Thursday morning, sermon writing,

In the fall Rumple celebrated Treasures New and Old.

This theme, taken from Matthew 13, focused our attention on 130 years of ministry and mission in the High Country and the great future that God has planned for Rumple. The Stewardship Committee is thrilled to report that the response was fantastic! As of January 9, Rumple has received 88 estimates of giving totaling \$149,185. This represents the highest number of givers and the highest total amount pledged since 2014. This generous support of Rumple enabled the Session to adopt a balanced budget for 2018. The 2018 budget includes increased funding for missions and for ministry programs. Thanks be to God!

Images of Advent and Christmas at Rumple



Elderberry Party



Elderberry Party



Elderberry Party



Elderberry Party



Angel Tree Gifts

Rumple on a Mission

Bless us, O Lord, and bless the time and seasons yet to come. Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. And fill this New Year with your kindness, that we may be glad and rejoice all the days of our life. Nurture within us the Spirit of Jesus Christ, that each day we may follow his will and act as his agents. Amen.

Prayer by John Debevoise, Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church

Happy New Year! We have big plans for 2018! We have some new projects as well as some continuing ones. We will work with some new community partners, as well as some old friends.

One of our first projects in 2018 is a **meal packaging event with Rise Against Hunger**. We are partnering with St. Mary's and the Appalachian State Presbyterian Episcopal Campus Ministry to package over 10,000 dehydrated meals for those in need around the world. Think of it as a globally-focused Food 4 Families program (which we will be doing again this summer)! *Rise Against Hunger* is an international hunger relief organization based in Raleigh, NC. The packaged meals are used primarily to support school feeding programs in developing countries, which not only addresses hunger but also the related challenges of poverty, disease, education, and the welfare of women and children. As soon as the program specifics are set, we will get the word out so you can be involved with this great program. Any and all can help package meals, so everyone is welcome. A special thank you to the Endowment Committee for helping us fund this project.

We will continue our support of **Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S.** in 2018 with monthly food collections. Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. is a food bank that helps provide basic non-perishable food to families and individuals in Watauga County. The Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. food pantry is open for clients on Mondays from 9 am to 1 pm right here at Rumple.

The **January items of need for Blowing Rock C.A.R.E.S. are fruit in natural juice, instant mashed potatoes, canned tuna, canned tomatoes, canned pinto beans, feminine products, and toilet tissue**. Please bring your items throughout the month of January and leave them in the shopping cart in the church lobby.

Rumple Missions will also continue our work with Hospitality House in 2018. We will cook and serve **dinner every 5th Monday at the Hospitality House** in Boone. Our **first dinner in 2018 is January 29**. If you would like to help prepare or provide food and/or serve dinner, please contact Katie Gurkin from the Missions Committee at 336-971-9642 or gurkink@aol.com.

We look forward to continuing our missions work in 2018 and welcome your time and talents.

Around Rumple

The Session of Rumple Memorial Presbyterian Church consists of our pastor as moderator and twelve ruling elders, elected by the congregation. They meet monthly on the fourth Monday at 5:30. If you have items for the session, please see Kathy Beach, Session Moderator.

The next Second Sunday Lunch will be January 14 immediately following worship. The youth will be hosting a baked potato bar and salad lunch. All proceeds from the lunch will go to help pay for their mission trip to Charlotte in February.

The February Second Sunday Lunch will be February 11 with a Valentine theme. This lunch will be pot luck. Everyone is invited to bring an entrée, side or salad that will feed 4 to 6 people.



Save the date! The session has called the annual meeting of the congregation for Sunday, February 4, immediately following worship. The purposes of the meeting will be to approve changes in the terms of call for our pastor and to receive the annual report, including financial reports for 2017 and the session-approved budget for 2018. All members are encouraged to remain after worship for this short but important meeting.

Kathy has a **Pastoral Relations Committee** (PRC) to which the Session has given their blessing. Mary Lentz (clerk of session), Ann Rhyne, Mike Steele, and Cullie Tarleton (active elder) have agreed to serve on this committee. Kathy meets with them regularly to get and give feedback and to share ideas. They are her direct communication pipeline. The church directory has the most up-to-date contact information for each of them if you have a thanks or a concern.

Around Rumble

Presbyterian Women Circle News and Meetings

Moderator Linda Mauldin 295-3 327

Circle I will meet Monday February 5 at 6:00 in the Rumble House.
Teresa Lentz 295-3276

Circle II meets the second Monday of each month at 2pm in the home of Mary Lentz 295-7289

Circle III meets the third Monday of each month May-October at 10:30 in the Rumble House or a member's home.
Jean Baskin 295-0901

Circle IV meets the second Monday of each month, April through December, either in a member's home or the Rumble House. Members gather at 1:00 for fellowship and refreshments and the meeting starts at 1:30. Betty Womack 912-687-6483

Circle V meets the first Wednesday of each month April-December at the Rumble House. Members gather at 9:30 for fellowship and refreshments and the meetings starts at 10:00.
Kathy Earley 263-0255

The new flower chart for 2018 is up and ready for sign-ups. Please consider providing the flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday to celebrate or remember a special loved one or event. The chart is located in the glass case in the office reception area, near Hazel's desk. You may sign up right on the calendar or you can call Hazel to sign up.



Second Sunday lunches continue in 2018!

Rumble's Second Sunday Lunches continue on Sunday, January 14, immediately following worship. The youth will be hosting this lunch. Menu will be baked potato (with sweet potato option) and salad bar, dessert, and drinks. All proceeds from the lunch will go to support the 18 youth (and four chaperones) who will be headed to Charlotte, February 9-11, for a mission immersion weekend. Come enjoy a delicious lunch and support the youth of Rumble!

Second Sunday lunches continue in February with lunch after worship on February 11. This valentine's themed lunch will be pot luck. All are invited to bring an entrée, side dish, or dessert that will feed 4-6 people.

Then, save the dates of Wednesday, March 14 for Second Wednesday Dinner and Sunday, April 8 for Second Sunday Lunch.

Happy
Birthday!

January BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Steve Sudderth
- 3 Earl Trexler
- 3 Wilson Henline
- 4 Fred Whitt
- 4 Sam Reep
- 5 Sandra Mallonee
- 5 Daniel Coffey
- 6 McKinnon Forbes
- 6 Mary Lentz
- 8 Ruth George
- 8 Dale Hodge
- 9 Bill Young
- 10 Bill Hall
- 11 Jim Graham
- 12 Anne Bernhardt
- 12 Yvonne Myers
- 15 Cullie Tarleton
- 15 Diane Williams
- 17 Claudia Kelly
- 17 Susan Suddreth
- 19 Jerry Rogers
- 23 Kim Kincaid
- 24 Dave McCollum
- 26 Sarah Jones
- 29 Michael Gray
- 29 Morgan Gibson Hess
- 30 Marilyn Brown

Around Rumble

Exciting News about Blowing Rock CARES- and ways that you can get involved too!

For nine years, Blowing Rock CARES (Children Are Really Special) has been helping feed hungry neighbors in Watauga County through a food pantry. For the past four years this ministry has been operating out of Rumble. In fall 2017, the Rumble Session voted to assume administrative oversight of Blowing Rock CARES. This means that Blowing Rock CARES remains a separate non-profit from Rumble and keeps their 501 c3 status. The ministry will keep separate financials and continue to be directed by an independent board. Where Rumble will play a role is with this board. The Rumble session will have a liaison to the board and approves all board members. The Blowing Rock CARES board, through the session liaison, will keep the church updated on the ministry's progress. The Rumble Session and Missions Committee also hope this new relationship will help even more Rumble members to volunteer with the ministry.

On Sunday, February 4, Rumble will celebrate the ministry of Blowing Rock CARES, give thanks for the founder and board president, Linda Laughter, and offer our prayers for the new board. New board members are: Katie Gurkin (continuing board member), Tim Harris, Stephanie Hankins, Wayne Holliday, Teresa Lentz, Carmen Patella (St. Mary's Episcopal Church) Ray Pickett (Blowing Rock community), Sylvia Tarleton. The board has one open position that they intend to fill with someone outside of Rumble in hopes of increased community involvement with Blowing Rock CARES.

How can you support Blowing Rock CARES?

The shopping cart will remain in the office reception area and you are encouraged to bring your monthly food donations to help stock the shelves of the food pantry.

There are also immediate **volunteer opportunities** with Blowing Rock CARES. The pantry needs four volunteers, comfortable with greeting clients and operating a computer database, to serve one Monday a month each from 8:45-12:00. Other volunteers are needed to shop for food (large quantities) to fill the pantry shelves, unload food, and staff the pantry. Some volunteer jobs are on Monday mornings and some can be done when it is convenient for the volunteer. If you are able to assist, please contact Tim Harris at timharris_2@charter.net or Teresa Lentz at lentzt@gmail.com

WinterFest Rotary Charity Chili Challenge

January 27, 11:30—2:00 pm
Blowing Rock School Gym

Blowing Rock CARES will be one of the non-profits featured at this event.
Consider coming out to the chili challenge and supporting Blowing Rock CARES.

Concerns and Cares

Rumple members Kaye Morgan, recovering from hip surgery; Charles Gurkin in the death of his brother Phil on January 9 in Sanford; Doug Holstein, back surgery on January 19 in FL; Bill Thorn, recovering from broken hip and surgery; Barbara Wright on the death of her brother, Billy Lentz; Roger Broeker, Erin Tobin, Darby Teander, Bill and Pat Magruder, Recie Craig, Brenda Lentz, Drew Taylor, active duty in U.S. Coast Guard; Natasha Schoonover, preparing for ordained ministry

Family and friends of Rumple Cameron MacPhail, son-in-law of Bill and Marion Thorn, family and friends of Jimmie Baker, who died on January 5 in Ashville; the family and friends of Martha Best Lawson, who died January 1; Mark Johnson’s parents, Buck and Betty; Tasha, Evan Adair’s mother; Joyce Rodriguez, sister of Carolyn Nelson; Stanley Coffey, son of Betty Coffey, Phyllis Foster, friend of Wes Thompson, Nathan Miller Jacobs, cousin of Evan Adair; churches, people, and missionaries in Democratic Republic of the Congo; Ellen and Al Smith and their mission in Russia

Celebrations **Baptism** of Lily Kaye Stanley on December 24; **Birth** of Rylee Ann Lentz, granddaughter of Terry and Teresa Lentz on December 19 in Nashville, to Tara and Amy Lentz; **Birth** of Bill and Janet Goodman’s grandson born November 18 in Cincinnati, Ohio

Please contact Hazel in the church office if you have other prayer concerns to add.

If you go to the hospital and would like the church office to know, please remember to call or ask the hospital to call the church office. Your name and hospitalization is not shared with the congregation unless you give permission.

Congregational Care If you or someone you know in the congregation would like a visit, please share this information with Kathy, an Elder, or contact the Church Office.

Large Print Hymnals and Assistive Listening devices for worship are available in the narthex. If you would like to use a “Sound Mate” while in worship, please see Kent Leonard (at the soundboard) or an usher for assistance

Missed Worship? There are audio CD’s available of each worship service and they can be found in the library if you would like to check one out.

There is a **Medical Supply Loaner Closet** in the Rumple House with medical supplies to be used by anyone as needed.

Communion is served monthly during worship. If you or someone you know would like to have communion at home because of illness or mobility challenges, please call the church office. Home Communion will be celebrated again in February.

Does Rumple have your email? Would you like to receive the weekly email updates from Rumple and other special announcements? Send your email address to Hazel at office@rumplechurch.org and we’ll make sure you are added to our email list.

January 2018 at Rumple

L—Library
 RH—Rumple House
 FH—Fellowship Hall
 ACU—Adult Classroom Upstairs
 PS—Pastor’s Study

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion (KMC) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	4	5	6
7 Baptism of the Lord 9:30 Reformation Class (ACU) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship	8	9	10 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion (KMC) 6:00 Wednesday Supper 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	11 10:30 Prayer Shawl (RH)	12	13
14 Second Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Reformation Class (ACU) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:00 Second Sunday Lunch 4:00-5:30 Middle School Youth 5:00-6:30 High School Youth	15 Martin Luther King Office Closed	16 Rotary Blood Drive	17 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion (KMC) 4:30 Missions (L) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	18	19	20
21 Third Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 Reformation Class (ACU) 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 12:15 Worship Committee (L) 12:15 Congregational Care (ACU)	22	23	24 11:00 Staff Mtg (L) 2:30 KICKS/Fusion (KMC) 4:30 Missions (L) 7:00 Sanctuary Choir	25	26	27
28	29 5:30 Session (RH)	30	31			